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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael L. BOYER, II et al.

Application No.: 09/814,224

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Confirmation No.: 2289

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart

For: MULTIPIECE IMPLANTS FORMED OF BONE MATERIAL

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

The attached amendment and response is in reply to the final Office Action mailed January 27, 2006 from the USPTO. Reconsideration in view of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

One-Month Extension

Applicants petition for a two-month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time to respond until June 27, 2006. Please charge the estimated fee of \$225.00, and other fees that may be required in connection with this filing, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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